

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to turn back the clock. No, I am not referring to the annual daylight savings time change that occurred this past weekend. Nor am I having a moment of nostalgia. Rather, I am referring to the famous clock that tallies the Nation's growing debt.

The surpluses of the late 1990s put the clock that tallies our Nation's debt into retirement. But now, the borrow-and-spend policies of the Bush administration and the Republican Congress put the clock back in operation, adding \$1 million to the Nation's debt every minute, for a total of \$3 trillion in new debt since 2002.

The Republican Party's 2007 budget, which we will vote on this week, continues their borrow-and-spend policies. It also will cause a problem that the designers of the Time Square clock did not anticipate. It cannot accommodate the extra digit that will be required to display a debt of over \$10 trillion.

American taxpayers, along with our children and our grandchildren, should not be saddled with this debt. We should stop this fiscal irresponsibility and reject the President and the Republican Congress' budget.

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AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO BYRON NELSON

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, this weekend is the Masters golf tournament, and while I am not a golfer myself, it is a big deal in the golfing world. The PGA tournament of today is carried on the shoulders of those who have gone before. Names like Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, and Lee Trevino are common household names for those of us of a certain age, but it is truly the gentleman from Roanoke, Texas, Byron Nelson, who has done more for the credible start for the sport of golf in this country than anyone else.

Lord Byron, as he is known back home, will turn 95 years of age this year. He was a gifted athlete, winning two Masters Tournaments in 1937 and 1942. He won two PGA tours in 1940 and 1945, and won the U.S. Open in 1939. His true service is his generosity of spirit and his humility.

In World War II, he traveled with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby on the USO tour entertaining our troops overseas. He has given over \$88 million from his Salesmanship Club Youth and Family Services. He and his wife, Louise, have created an endowment fund at Abilene Christian University totaling over \$15 million. He is the head of the Metroport Meals-on-Wheels, delivering services to shut-in seniors back in my district.

His career as an athlete is worthy of recognition, but his service to community is indeed exemplary. For these

reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 4902, the Congressional Gold Medal honoring Byron Nelson.

BUSH PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAX COUNTDOWN

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, President Bush simply has no compassion for millions of seniors who are trying to determine which of the prescription drug plans is best for them. Forty days from now, seniors must choose a plan or face a Bush prescription drug tax for the rest of their lives.

Last month, a woman struggling to help her elderly mother pick a prescription drug plan asked the President to extend the enrollment deadline. President Bush refused, telling the woman that helping her mother was her responsibility. The President's answer shows that he is still listening to drug companies and not the American people.

Seniors, people with disabilities and their families, need more time before making a crucial health and financial decision. Democrats do not believe seniors should be penalized because they cannot understand this complicated drug plan. That is why Democrats are fighting to extend the enrollment period by 6 months.

As we check off another day on the calendar, House Republicans now have 40 more days to stand up and support America's seniors. It is time they joined the Democrats in fighting to ensure the prescription drug tax, pushed by this President, does not take effect on May 15.

WOMEN AND THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, there is a saying that "the road to hell is paved with good intentions," and once again, my Republican colleagues have missed the mark.

To be a strong Nation, we need a strong family. The glue that holds the family together are our Nation's women. Unfortunately, this administration and my colleagues across the aisle continue to send a clear message in the form of a budget that strips all of the support and programs that aid in fortifying that crucial glue. We should call the budget that they are bringing to this House the "Women, Children and Family Left Behind Act."

How can an administration that professes to be pro-value and pro-family get it wrong? The President's budget cuts education by 29 percent. The President's solution is to freeze funds for Head Start and Pell Grants. What is wrong with this picture?

The President's budget completely eliminates programs like the Women's Educational Equity Act and the Women's Apprenticeship Act. The President's budget cuts funds out for the Commodity Supplemental Food program that serves 420,000 seniors as well as 50,000 mothers and children.

Stand up America.

CONCERNED ABOUT AMERICA'S DEBT

(Mr. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor this morning to not only share with the American people, but also with the majority side that constantly talks about the fact that they are responsible with the people's money. I just want to, again, come to the floor and say that this Republican majority, along with this President, has increased the debt owned by foreign nations by \$1.05 trillion, something that 42 Presidents before him were not able to accomplish.

I further want to bring to the attention of the House here, Madam Speaker, the fact that Newt Gingrich, who was a former Speaker of this House and delivered this Republican majority to the majority, is now saying that they are seen by the country as being in charge of a government that cannot function.

Now, I can tell you, Madam Speaker, as a Democrat, I would be concerned if a former Speaker was referring to the Democratic Caucus as "they." That means that the American people are very concerned about what is going on here. I am concerned as an American. And as we go to vote on this budget, we have to think about the people that have sent us up here.

So I want to say here on the Democratic side, we are willing to pay as we go. But the bottom line is, third-party validator, former Speaker Newt Gingrich, is calling the Republican majority "they."

IMMIGRATION

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, this past weekend, I met with many students from schools in our district and hope to meet with many more. This banner is signed by students from the Alta Charter School in our district. These students are voicing their concerns because they want to keep their families together and felt their heritage was not being respected.

They are concerned about the possibility of their parents being deported, even though their children are citizens. They are worried about the possibility of them being deported, although this is the only life they have ever known.

I believe we should improve border security, and every Nation in the world should control their borders and know who is crossing it, but I voted against H.R. 4437 because this bill doesn't realistically deal with the 10 to 12 million people who are living in this country.

If this bill is enacted, 3 million U.S. citizens will be left without their parent or guardian. Family values should apply to our immigration laws. This is why we see students marching in our communities all across our country and why you see this banner on the floor of the House today.

We need comprehensive, fair immigration reform that includes increased border security, more detention beds to prevent catch and release, requiring applicants to go through criminal background checks, to learn English and also pay a penalty. That way, we can make sure these people, these children who are here know that their parents won't need to be deported or they won't be.

OPPOSED TO BUDGET

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I express my sincere opposition to this year's budget because it is immoral, especially to women.

Our health care system is in bad shape. We all know that women use health care more than men and are more likely to need it. Under President Bush, the number of uninsured has risen. Yet what does this budget propose? Health savings accounts, which would only benefit the wealthiest and healthiest, those who could already afford health coverage. It cuts or levels funds for all but one of the Institutes of National Health, and at a time when we are making important advances in medical research, when we are just beginning to learn the ways that women are affected differently than men by certain diseases. And it cuts funding for nutritional programs that are designed to keep women and their families healthier.

We have an obligation to ensure that everyone can have access to health care services. I urge my colleagues to reject this irresponsible and immoral budget, and instead, to pass a budget that lives up to our commitment to American women and their families.

BUSH BUDGET AND IMPACT ON WOMEN

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, misplaced priorities in the Republican budget result in ballooning deficits and the underfunding of programs women and their families need to succeed in today's economy.

By cutting funding for education and training programs that help women pursue careers in nontraditional occupations, this budget does nothing to address one source of the gender wage gap that leaves women earning only 77 cents for every dollar earned by a male.

By freezing funding for child care subsidies and housing vouchers, this budget ensures that fewer women receive the support that they need to make work pay and stay off welfare. Women deserve better. We deserve a better budget.

TIME FOR DEMOCRATS TO TAKE CHARGE

(Mr. RYAN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, the father of the Republican revolution is now saying it has turned into a Republican devolution, with \$3 trillion in increased debt since President Bush has been President. This Nation owes \$8 trillion-plus, with \$27,000 per citizen that they owe back just for the national debt. And this money is being borrowed from foreign interests, the Japanese, the Chinese, and OPEC countries.

We are selling off our country piece by piece, Madam Speaker. Borrow and spend, borrow and spend, borrow and spend. This President, with the Republican bobblehead Congress that just can't say no to the President, has borrowed more money from foreign interests than every previous President. Madam Speaker, that is an atrocity. That is an assault on the American people.

The father of the Republican revolution says it has turned into a devolution and that this government cannot function. Madam Speaker, it is time for new leadership. It is time for the Democrats to take charge of this House.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S WORKING GROUP BUDGET

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, today I rise in strong opposition to the Republicans' fiscal year 2007 budget resolution. It will hurt millions of women and children around our country. The resolution includes cuts to vital programs that help middle-class women, children, the elderly, and, in particular, Americans living in poverty.

The budget will lead to cuts in funding for young women who need financial aid to go to college. As a result, young women will have a more difficult time attending college and pursuing their careers. The Perkins loans program is due to be cut dramatically. More than 450,000 college students would lose a key part of their financial aid.

Young women, and especially minority students, disproportionately rely on Pell Grants. I was one of those students myself. For example, 40 percent of African American students will be affected, 30 percent of Hispanic students will have reduced Pell Grants compared to 23 percent of students overall.

The aid is being cut while tuition costs are skyrocketing. The increase in the cost of tuition has increased by 57 percent under this President. Please do not support this Republican budget that would harm our students.

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CHILD CARE AND THE BUDGET

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to highlight the cuts in the Republican budget resolution that target low-income children and women. A number of Federal block grants that help women, especially single and low-income mothers, are going to be forced to cut services to families as a result of these cuts in the Republican budget. Also, there will be continued flat funding.

Child Care Development Block Grant funding is frozen for the fifth year in a row. Since the beginning of the Bush administration, child care assistance for 250,000 children has been cut. In the next 5 years, 400,000 fewer children will receive child care assistance. This means that 25 percent fewer children will receive assistance in 2011 than did in 2000; and during the President's tenure the number of children living in poverty has increased, not decreased.

This is an immoral budget. It sacrifices funding for our children to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy. It should be soundly rejected. We talk about welfare reform and we talk about women being able to work, how in the heck are women going to work if child care is not available.

CULTURE REPUBLICANS BROUGHT TO WASHINGTON IS NOT GOOD

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, last night former majority leader TOM DELAY blamed Democrats for his fall from power. He said Democrats were upset because Republicans changed the culture of Washington.

Well, Republicans changed the culture around here all right. Two of Congressman DELAY's former aides, Deputy Chief of Staff Tony Rudy and Press Secretary Michael Scanlon have already pleaded guilty as part of the ongoing Jack Abramoff scandal.

Then there are the revelations that the President's chief domestic adviser, Claude Allen, was forced to resign from